The Dr. David J. Roslien Distinguished Lecture in Science and Leadership brings internationally recognized individuals who have made major impacts on society and the quality of our environment through their use of cutting edge science, or global leadership in policy and program. This endowment brings the best and brightest minds to the Luther campus to share a discussion with our community and engage with faculty and students in classrooms, forums, small group discussions, and a formal campus wide lecture. Our greatest hope is to generate the kind of discussion that “Doc” was known for as a professor at Luther.

David J. Roslien, Ph.D., retired in May 2000 after a 36-year career as a professor and administrator at Luther College. A 1959 graduate of Luther, Roslien accepted a faculty position on the Luther biology department in 1965 after completing a doctoral degree at Iowa State University. He taught until 1985 attaining the rank of professor of biology. In 1985 he was named vice president for college advancement, and also oversaw the student enrollment staff. He was named the interim president of Luther from 1995-96 during a year-long search process.

Roslien and his wife, Joy, who retired in 1999 as director of the college’s health service are residents of Decorah. They are the parents of two adult children, Jennifer and John.

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